Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 31, 2016

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on 03/31/2016. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: John Devine, Larry Brower, Joyce Ratka and Kelly Ritterbush. Chief Katie Mast, Brian Carter and John Leach were present from the department. The public was represented by Dan Handlin, Nancy Krause, Sandy Skinner and Ruth Skaggs. The members of the public brought up the Department's breakfast, maintenance of the community hall and the cadet program. Discussion ensued on these items and the cadet program and a policy for the community hall will be placed on next month's agenda.

On M/S/C (Brower), consented to the agenda as presented.

On M/S/C (Ritterbush), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting on 02/25/2016. [Attachment #1]

On M/S/C (Brower), approved the issue of warrants to pay current claims for payment [Attachment #2].

Treasurer's Report:

Listened to Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$ 146,026.78 cash on hand at the end of March and claims of \$ 6,034.97. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 136,393.17 and are at 54% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 41,984.91. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (Brower), approved Treasurer's report.

Chief's Report:

Listened to Chief Mast provide the Chief's report [Attachment #4] The department responded to 13 calls since last meeting. 11 medical, 2 were other. We have had 36 calls so far this year. Personal: Everyone continues to do well and stays busy. Jason completed his EMR class, took the national exam and is waiting for the license. Jim Roets took the Advanced Fire behavior class. Jason, Tiffany and Kate are half way through the fire academy. Aaron and Dave are attending a leadership class at Somers FD. Gary R., John Leach and myself are going to the EMS conference in CDA. Chad and Gary W. are attending a saw class at West Kootenai FD. No major issues with the apparatus. CMS application has passed and is almost complete. Cabinet View FD gave us over \$ 100,000 worth of SCBAs and structure gear.

Ashley Lake Status:

Action Items:

On M/S/C (Ratka) agreed to pay about \$50,000 as a partial payment on the lease of the Ford 550 mini-pumper in June. Brower voted no. On M/S/C (Ritterbush) agreed to write off the bad debt of 2013 and 2014. We will contact Lincoln Chute about the building and the propane tank at Ashley Lake.

Special Discussion:

Announcements:

Set the next regular meeting to be on April 28, 2016.

Adjournment:

On (M/S/C), (Devine) to adjourn at 8:15 Minutes recorded by: John Devine Minutes approved on: April 28, 2016

Attest:		
	Vargie Williams, Chair	

- M/S/C means a motion made by the trustee named in the following parentheses, and then seconded and carried.
- Please, call (406) 854-2828, if you wish to listen to an audio recording of this meeting.
- Advance notice of this meeting was provided to the public via a reader board at the Marion Community Center and publication in the *Daily Inter Lake*, the District's website www.marionfd.org, and its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT.